

# "A Revelation of Blessing"

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Revelation 1:1-3*

**BIG IDEA:** Study The Revelation with joy and anticipation, not with fear and trembling.

*"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy,  
and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy  
and keep what is written in it,  
because the time is near."*

*Revelation 1:3 (CSB)*

👉 **Background & setting of The Revelation.**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father...**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father, through Jesus Christ...**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, by an angel...**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, by an angel, to John...**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, by an angel, to John, for the Church...**

👉 **A Revelation from God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, by an angel, to John, for the Church, as a blessing.**

- A blessing to READ, THINK, & DO the lessons learned from The Revelation.
- The 7 Beatitudes of The Revelation.
  - A Blessing Concerning the Word: Revelation 1:3 & 22:7
  - A Blessing Concerning the Death of the Faithful: Revelation 14:13 & 20:6
  - A Blessing Concerning Marriage Purity: Revelation 16:15 & 19:9
  - A Blessing Concerning Sabbath Rest: Revelation 22:7

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**Read:** Revelation 1:1-3

**Think:** As we launch our study of The Revelation, let's ask ourselves the following questions: What do we learn about God, the Father, and our Lord Jesus from these opening verses. Did God give us The Revelation so we couldn't understand what's ahead or so we could understand? Why do we receive a blessing in reading The Revelation out loud to one another? Why do we receive a blessing in understanding and applying the lessons of The Revelation? How do we go about "keeping what is written in it"? What does the phrase, "...the time is near" mean?

**Do:** Ask God to give each of us a persistent spirit in our study of this important Word of Prophecy. Identify what blessing you desire most from our time in The Revelation.